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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated July 27, 2005, for which a shortened statutory period for reply that expired on October 27, 2005. A petition for a 3-month Extension of Time extending the deadline for responding to the Official Action up to and including January 27, 2006 is attached hereto. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.